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Governor Blagojevich's Illinois Cares Rx

SeniorCare and the pharmaceutical portion of **Circuit Breaker**, were **joined** to form **Illinois Cares Rx**.

Illinois Cares Rx will help pay the prescription drug costs that **Medicare Part D** does not cover.

1-800-252-8966
1-888-206-1327 (TTY)

www.illinoisbenefits.org

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How does it work?

If you are enrolled in a coordinating Medicare plan:

Illinois Cares Rx will pay monthly premiums for the coordinating Medicare drug plan, your annual deductible and help to pay other drug costs.

You will pay:

- $2 for generic drugs
- $5 for preferred brand name drugs
- $15 for specialty and non-preferred brand name drugs
- 20% plus co-pays after $1,750

NOTE: Some drugs may require prior approval.



If you are eligible for Medicare:

To qualify for supplemental coverage, Medicare enrollees MUST:

☑ apply for Medicare's "Extra Help" from Social Security and,

☑ enroll in a coordinating Medicare drug plan to maximize benefits.

If you did not receive an "extra help" form, you may get one by calling:

- Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213, or
- Illinois Department on Aging Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966, 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)

If you are NOT eligible for Medicare:

You may still be eligible for Illinois Cares Rx!

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How do I enroll?



☑ File your application on the Internet at **www.illinoisbenefits.org**

Applications submitted online are processed faster.

☑ Mail the Form IL-1363 application to:
Illinois Department on Aging
P.O. Box 19022
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9022

To obtain a Form IL-1363,

- call the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966, 1-888-206-1327 (TTY), or
- link to www.illinoisbenefits.org

If you need help to file on the Internet or you do not have a computer with Internet access, call your local Area Agency on Aging or local senior center.

Special cases

If you were enrolled in SeniorCare or Pharmaceutical Assistance by Dec. 31, 2005:

- your benefits were extended in 2006
- you were mailed a new, blue Illinois Cares Rx membership card and,
- you were automatically assigned to a coordinating Medicare drug plan (This plan should have mailed you its membership card).

If you have a Medicare Advantage plan:

☑ Be sure it coordinates with Illinois Cares Rx to maximize benefits.

Take **BOTH** cards — the Illinois Cares Rx card and your Medicare drug card — to the pharmacy.

Gov. Blagojevich announces that enrollment for Illinois Cares Rx is now extended through 2006!

The next open Medicare enrollment period begins November 15, 2006.

Illinois Cares Rx BASIC

Formerly Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance

Who can enroll?

Seniors age 65 or older, or persons with disabilities:

- Single with an annual income less than $21,218 or
- Married with an annual income less than $28,480

There is no citizenship requirement, but, if eligible for Medicare, you must apply for "extra help" from Social Security.

What's covered?

Prescription drugs for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, glaucoma, heart and blood pressure problems, lung disease and smoking-related illnesses, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis and Parkinson's disease.

BOTH Illinois Cares Rx BAS
to apply on Form IL-1

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Illinois Cares Rx PLUS

Formerly SeniorCare

Seniors age 65 or older:

- Single with an annual income of no more than $19,600; or
- Married with an annual income of no more than $26,400; **and**
- a citizen or qualified non-citizen

If eligible for Medicare, you must apply for "extra help" from Social Security.

All classes of medically necessary prescription drugs are covered.

and PLUS plans require you
3 each year to qualify.

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Want more information?

Call one of these toll-free hotlines:

- **Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP):**
 1-800-548-9034
 1-217-524-4872 (TTY)

- **Department on Aging Senior HelpLine:**
 1-800-252-8966
 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)

- **Healthcare and Family Services Health Benefits Hotline:**
 1-800-226-0768
 1-877-204-1012 (TTY)

or visit these Internet sites:

www.illinoisbenefits.org

www.state.il.us/aging

Illinois Department on Aging
421 E. Capitol Ave., #100
Springfield, IL 62701-1789

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